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SUBJ: PEKING REACTION TO CHILEAN EVENTS

SUMMARY: PEKING HAS SO FAR ATTEMPTED TO MINIMIZE THE EFFECT OF ALLENDE'S OVERTHROW ON FUTURE PRC-CHILE RELATIONS. IDEOLOGICALLY, THE CHINESE ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT ALLENDE'S OVERTHROW WAS INEVITABLE AND THUS ARE UNDER NO GREAT CONSTRAINT TO TAKE A FORWARD POSITION. END SUMMARY

1. PEKING HAS EXPRESSED SYMPATHY FOR ALLENDE BUT HAS ALSO ATTEMPTED TO MINIMIZE THE EFFECT OF HIS OVERTHROW ON FUTURE PRC-CHILE RELATIONS. CHOU EN-LAI SEPT 14 SENT A CABLE OF SYMPATHY TO MRS ALLENDE AND IN HIS BANQUET SPEECH FOR PRESIDENT POMPIDOU THE SAME EVENING HE STATED THAT "THE HEROIC DEATH OF DR ALLENDE WOULD ONLY SERVE TO AROUSE STILL MORE THE CHILEAN PEOPLE TO STRUGGLE." CHOU, HOWEVER, CAREFULLY
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AVOIDED INDICATING WHAT FORM OF STRUGGLE HE WAS REFERRING TO. A

SEPT 13 NCNA ARTICLE DESCRIBED THE FORCES BEHIND THE COUP AS THE "PUTSCHIST" BUT DID NOT EMPLOY OTHER MORE PEJORATIVE TERMS SUCH AS "REACTIONARY FORCES." PEKING MEDIA HAVE ALSO NOT REFERRED TO ANY ALLEGED US ROLE IN THE COUP EXCEPT TO REPORT PERON'S STATEMENT--ALONG WITH A WRAPUP OF OTHER LA REACTION--THAT HE BELIEVED THE US WAS INVOLVED (NCNA SEPT 14).

2. PEKING, OF COURSE, NEVER ACCEPTED ALLENDE'S GOVERNMENT AS A MARXIST REGIME AND IT AVOIDED PRAISING HIS DOMESTIC POLICIES OTHER THAN HIS NATIONALIZATION OF FOREIGN COMPANIES. ALLENDE'S TIES TO MOSCOW AND THE PRO-MOSCOW COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHILE MEANT THAT IDEOLOGICALLY HIS REGIME WAS LESS FAVORABLE FROM THE CHINESE POINT OF VIEW THAN THE GOVERNMENT OF A NATIONALISTIC NON-MARXIST SUCH AS PERON. (THE CHINESE HAVE IN FACT BEEN GIVING A GREAT DEAL OF FAVORABLE PUBLICITY TO PERON.) ALLENDE'S FALL WILL ALSO BE SEEN AS MAOIST AS A CONFIRMATION OF THEIR VIEW THAT "PEACEFUL TRANSITION" TO SOCIALISM IS IMPOSSIBLE--IN THIS SENSE ALLENDE'S DEFEAT WAS ALWAYS SEEN AS INEVITABLE. THE CCNA, SEPT 14 REVIEW OF LATIN AMERICAN REACTION QUOTED A PUERTO RICAN PROFESSOR'S COMMENT THAT EVENTS IN CHILE DEMONSTRATED THAT THE PEOPLE "HAVE TO SEIZE POWER THROUGH THE WAY OF REVOLUTION." HOWEVER, IN ORDER NOT TO COMPROMISE ITS DIPLOMATIC GOALS PEKING IS UNLIKELY TO EMPHASIZE THIS POINT ITSELF.
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